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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

Amendment of Section 73.202(b), RM-8361
Table of Allotments,
FM Broadcast Stations.
(Madrid, Iowa)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Adopted: October 12, 1993; Released: October 28, 1993

Comment Date: December 20, 1993

Reply Comment Date: January 4, 1994

By the Assistant Chief, Allocations Branch:

1. The Commission has before it the petition for rule making filed by Madrid Broadcasting Company ("petitioner") requesting the allotment of Channel 241A to Madrid, Iowa, as the community's first local aural transmission service. Petitioner states that it will apply for the channel, if allotted.

2. We believe the public interest would be served by proposing the allotment of Channel 241A to Madrid, Iowa, as it could provide the community with its first local aural transmission service. Petitioner states that Madrid is listed in the 1990 U.S. Census and attributed with a population of 2,395 persons.

Technical Summary

3. Channel 241A can be allotted to Madrid in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements with a site restriction of 13.5 kilometers (8.4 miles) north to avoid short-spacings to Station KCOB-FM, Channel 240A, Newton, Iowa, and Station KEFM, Channel 241C, Omaha, Nebraska.¹ We note that the reference coordinates proposed herein reflect a short-spacing to the present operation of Station KQWC-FM, Channel 240A, Webster City, Iowa, and to the allotment coordinates for unoccupied but applied for Channel 241A at Hudson, Iowa. However, we believe that neither of these short-spacings should be a bar to the issuance of a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* seeking comments on the allotment of Channel 241A to Madrid even though we were unable to identify a theoretical transmitter site which obviated these short-spacings. Station KQWC-FM's license was modified to specify Channel 239C3 pursuant to the *Report and Order* in MM Docket 88-369, and a construction permit (BPH-901210MG) for the higher class channel is outstanding. Further, a construction permit (BPH-920430MC)

has been granted for Channel 241A at Hudson. Each of these permit sites allows compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements. Final action on the proposal herein, however, may be delayed pending the issuance of a license to either the Webster City or the Hudson permittee.

4. Accordingly, we seek comments on the proposed amendment of the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, for the community listed below, to read as follows:

	Channel No.
City	Present
Madrid, Iowa	--
	Proposed
	241A

5. The Commission's authority to institute rule making proceedings, showings required, cut-off procedures, and filing requirements are contained in the attached Appendix and are incorporated by reference herein. In particular, we note that a showing of continuing interest is required by paragraph 2 of the Appendix before a channel will be allotted.

6. Interested parties may file comments on or before **December 20, 1993**, and reply comments on or before **January 4, 1994**, and are advised to read the Appendix for the proper procedures. Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554. Additionally, a copy of such comments should be served on the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows:

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7. The Commission has determined that the relevant provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to rule making proceedings to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules. See *Certification That Sections 603 and 604 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Do Not Apply to Rule Making to Amend Sections 73.202(b), 73.504 and 73.606(b) of the Commission's Rules*, 46 FR 11549, February 9, 1981.

8. For further information concerning this proceeding, contact Leslie K. Shapiro or Stanley Schmulewitz (engineering issues), Mass Media Bureau, (202) 634-6530. For purposes of this restricted notice and comment rule making proceeding, members of the public are advised that no *ex parte* presentations are permitted from the time the Commission adopts a Notice of Proposed Rule Making until the proceeding has been decided and such decision is no longer subject to reconsideration by the Commission or review by any court. An *ex parte* presentation is not prohibited if specifically requested by the Commission or staff for the clarification or adduction of evidence or resolution of issues in the proceeding. However, any new written information elicited from such a request or a summary of any new oral information shall be served by the person

¹ The coordinates for Channel 241A at Madrid are North

Latitude 41-59-47 and West Longitude 93-48-52.

making the presentation upon the other parties to the proceeding unless the Commission specifically waives this service requirement. Any comment which has not been served on the petitioner constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding. Any reply comment which has not been served on the person(s) who filed the comment, to which the reply is directed, constitutes an *ex parte* presentation and shall not be considered in the proceeding.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Mass Media Bureau

APPENDIX

1. Pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 0.61 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's Rules, IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached.

2. *Showings Required.* Comments are invited on the proposal(s) discussed in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. Proponent(s) will be expected to answer whatever questions are presented in initial comments. The proponent of a proposed allotment is also expected to file comments even if it only resubmits or incorporates by reference its former pleadings. It should also restate its present intention to apply for the channel if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build a station promptly. Failure to file may lead to denial of the request.

3. *Cut-off Procedures.* The following procedures will govern the consideration of filings in this proceeding.

(a) Counterproposals advanced in this proceeding itself will be considered if advanced in initial comments, so that parties may comment on them in reply comments. They will not be considered if advanced in reply comments. (See Section 1.420(d) of the Commission's Rules.)

(b) With respect to petitions for rule making which conflict with the proposal(s) in this *Notice*, they will be considered as comments in the proceeding, and Public Notice to this effect will be given as long as they are filed before the date for filing initial comments herein. If they are filed later than that, they will not be considered in connection with the decision in this docket.

(c) The filing of a counterproposal may lead the Commission to allot a different channel than was requested for any of the communities involved.

4. *Comments and Reply Comments; Service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested par-

ties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or by persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See Section 1.420(a), (b) and (c) of the Commission's Rules.) Comments should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. *Number of Copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished the Commission.

6. *Public Inspection of Filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C.